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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

Sir:

The Applicants herewith respond to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed January 15, 2002. The incomplete-reply notice acknowledges the Applicant's response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed July 31, 2001. The incomplete-reply notice also states that the Applicant's missingparts reply "does not include the following items required in the Notice: . . . An abstract

In review, the Notice to File Missing Parts stated (in pertinent part):

A properly signed oath or declaration . . . is required.

To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or declaration surcharge . . . must be submitted.

The required items(s) identified below must be timely submitted: Substitute drawings

Thus, the missing-parts notice required three and only three items: (1) a signed oath or declaration. (2) a fee or surcharge and (3) substitute drawings.

The missing-parts notice did not require or even request any additional items. Notably, the missing-parts notice did not require an abstract. Indeed, the missing-parts notice did not even mention an abstract.

The missing-parts reply included all of the required items, namely: a signed declaration, a declaration surcharge and substitute drawings. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that the missing-parts reply was in fact complete and that no further response to the missing-parts notice is possible. The Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner withdraw the Notice of Incomplete Reply.

If the Commissioner believes that a telephone conversation will expedite the resolution of this matter, the undersigned invites the Commissioner to call.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 01/08/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 07/31/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

• An abstract was not provided for this application. An abstract of the technical disclosure is required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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